

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/607,285	Applicant(s) MARKLEY ET AL.	
	Examiner Darren W. Ark	Art Unit 3643	

All Participants:

(1) Darren W. Ark.

(2) Keith D. Grzelak.

Status of Application: RCE

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 15 March 2005

Time: 4:30pm EST

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

N/A

Claims discussed:

1,2,6-11,25-27,31,48-71

Prior art documents discussed:

Prior art of record

Part II.

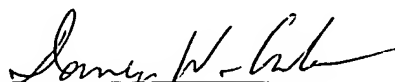
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

DARREN W. ARK
PRIMARY EXAMINER



(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner stated that there were a few minor changes to the claims that needed to be made to overcome claim objections and 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph problems. Examiner also stated that in regard to claim 69, claim 25 sets forth that the second rod portion extends from an interior of the distal end of the coil spring, therefore it is unclear how the second rod portion can be carried by the rod at a location distal to the distal end of the spring. Also see the same problem for claim 70. Applicant suggested amending claims 69 and 70 to depend from claim 1 since claim 1 is broad enough to encompass the limitations of claims 69 and 70. Examiner stated that claim 69 would then be similar in scope to claim 66. Applicant suggested broadening claim 66 by deleting the phrase "at a distal end" from claim 66. Examiner and applicant agreed to all of the proposed changes. See Examiner's Amendment for details.